



Rio Arriba County Detention Center (RACDC) POLICY 055: MEDICAL SERVICES/CO PAY

The Rio Arriba County Detention Facility shall have in place medical procedures for the inmates in case of medical emergencies and medical appointments. These procedures shall provide for emergency and non-emergency medical and dental services at minimal cost to the inmates.

Procedure:

1. The administrator shall maintain a current State of New Mexico Board of Pharmacy medicine dispensing permit for the facility.
2. The administrator shall make every effort to have adequate medical staff to provide medical services to the inmates.
3. No employee or official of the county of Rio Arriba shall refuse or hinder an inmate the right to medical services or care.
4. The Rio Arriba County Detention facility shall train all detention staff in first-aid and CPR.
5. The Rio Arriba County Detention Facility shall encourage staff to become First Responders and Emergency Medical Technicians.
6. Unless certified to do so, no Rio Arriba County Detention facility personnel shall attempt to diagnose an inmate's medical condition.
7. All medication and treatment shall be done in accordance to a physician's instructions.
8. Detention officers shall, when processing an inmate at booking:
 - a. complete a medical question form;
 - b. wait for an inmate to sober up if intoxicated to ask questions;
 - c. explain to the inmate the procedures for obtaining medical attention while incarcerated;
 - d. respond properly to all responses given to the medical questions.



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9. Detention Personnel shall not release any medical information of any inmate to anyone unless the inmate has given written permission to do so.
10. All inmates will be charged a five dollar (\$5.00) medical co-payment for medical services provided while being incarcerated at the Rio Arriba County Detention center.
11. Inmates that are indigent (having a zero balance on his/her commissary account) will have his/her co-payment waived until such time as he/she has received any money.
12. The inmate Commissary account shall be able to carry a negative balance in case future incarcerations occur to inmates owing the Detention Center for Medical co-payments.
13. No inmate will be refused medical attention on the basis of being able to afford the medical co-payment.
14. Medical services will be made available through local health departments.
15. Whenever possible, the Rio Arriba County Detention Facility administration shall have on-site medical services available.
16. Inmates must make detention staff aware that they want medical treatment unless it is obviously an emergency.
17. Any inmate wanting to go to a personal doctor shall be transported to said doctor if it is within one hundred and fifty miles from the facility. Said inmates must pre-pay the facility for the transport at .30 cents per mile and 11.00 per hour for very staff needed to transport.
18. Indigent inmates will be transported to the closest health clinic for services.